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## *House of Representatives*

### CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11

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HON. DOUG LAMBORN  
OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 22, 2022*

**Mr. LAMBORN.** Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Colorado Springs School District 11's 150th Anniversary.

Colorado Springs School District 11 was established in 1872, when Mary "Queen" Palmer, the wife of General William Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs, started a small school at the corner of Cascade and Bijou streets. District 11, the oldest school district in the Pikes Peak region, sits in the heart of downtown Colorado Springs.

In the beginning, District 11 averaged 21 square miles when it was established. Now, the ever-growing district spans roughly 73 square miles across Colorado Springs. District 11 encompasses 4.4 million square feet of facilities, all on 711 acres. The district's first graduating class in 1879 had five students. The graduating class in 2022 had 1,450 students.

Colorado Springs School District 11 is defined by its innovation, diversity, commitment to service, and passion for helping students grow and succeed. The district's alumni include entrepreneur and philanthropist Fannie Mae Duncan; Olympic Gold Medalists Henry Cejudo, Adam Goucher, and Haleigh Washington; NFL stars Terry Miller, Daryl Pollard, and Cullen Bryant; and Pro Baseball Hall of Famer Goose Gossage.

From the classrooms, to the school buses, the athletic fields, and playgrounds, District 11 has provided young minds with opportunities to learn, grow, succeed, and give back to their community. Its students thrive academically and consistently demonstrate leadership on the domestic and global stages.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in congratulating the past and present educators, administration, support staff, and board members of Colorado Springs School District 11.

Here is to 150 years of providing quality education to children in Colorado's 5th Congressional District.